

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Boren S16652

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State of Missouri County of Madison: SS

On the 13th day of August 1832, personally appeared before Thomas Cooper, William Anthony and Anthony Clubb, Justices of the County Court of Madison County and State of Missouri aforesaid, and now sitting, William Boren a resident of Twelve Mile Township in the County of Madison and State of Missouri, aged sixty-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

Said applicant entered into the service of the United States in the latter part of the month of August 1780 as a volunteer for two months, in Captain Henry Young's Company, levied in Orangeburg District, South Carolina: in the forks of the Edisto River: In the months above, this applicant was engaged in driving beef cattle for the use of the Army under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and Brannum [sic, probably Col. Thomas Brandon], stationed at the town of Orangeburg. At the end of the two months mentioned this applicant was drafted for a six months tour within Orangeburg District, in Captain Gideon Jennings' Company, and was stationed at Orangeburg. During this tour said applicant was often sent out in excursions against the Tories, and had some skirmishes with them: not long previous to the time of said tour of six months expired this applicant was sent with seventeen others from Orangeburg to guard six wagons loaded with guns, swords, spades and picks to Fort Moultrie seventy or eighty miles from Orangeburg. Said applicant served six months and eight days in this last tour. Applicant states that he never received any written discharge; and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Boren

[William McMurtrey, a clergyman, and Joseph Bennett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

On this 26th day of August A.D. 1833, in the County Court, held within and for the County of

Madison present William Anthony & Thomas Cooper Esquires, a Quorum of the Justices of said Court, personally came William Boren, and in open Court, now makes the following declaration, in order to amend his Declaration formally forwarded to the War Department:

I, William Boren was born in the State of North Carolina, near Salisbury, but was raised in Rutherford County (North Carolina) [where] my father moved after my birth: His first tour of duty, was for two months, as in first declaration mentioned, in which tour I served as a private. The latter end of the month of November 1780 applicant was drafted as a private, for a tour of six months duty, within Orangeburg District South Carolina (where his father, at the time of my services lived) in Captain Gideon Jennings' Company, and was stationed at Orangeburg. During this tour applicant served, as in original Declaration stated, and for the time specified -- Applicant states that he never had any written discharge for his services, that the Captain promised him one a some short time thereafter but never gave it to him, nor did applicant ever apply. Colonel __Henderson [William Henderson] and Colonel Thomas Branham [sic, Thomas Brandon] alternately commanded the Regiment to which our company was attached: General Sumter was the commanding officer in that section of the country, but previous to our discharge Sumter marched from Orangeburg [several lines obliterated by a tear in the paper and text missing] troops at Orangeburg to guard the inhabitants [text missing]. Said applicant moved to this country in 1818, and from the great distance he now resides from the place of his Services, he does not know any person by whom he can prove said services; that he cannot prove said services, and that he has not any documentary evidence to establish the facts of Revolutionary services. His relinquishment will be found in the original Declaration.

And to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War department and put by the Court, the said William Boren answers as follows

1st I was born in the State of North Carolina in the year 1766.

2nd I have my age put down in my family Bible, at my house about eighteen miles from this place: it was put down according to the information of my father.

4th I belonged to the militia which was classed, and there was a call for a draft to be made out of the class to which I belonged, and on that call I was drafted, and served a tour of six months and eight days.

5th I was acquainted with Captain Gideon Jennings, and Captain Henry Young who was killed by the Tories -- with Colonel Gabriel [text missing, paper torn], Thomas Branham and knew General Sumter [text missing paper torn]

I am also acquainted with Colonel William Anthony & Thomas Cooper Justices of this Court, William M. Newberry, Clerk of this Court and the Circuit Court, Micajah Stone Sheriff of this County, John Mathews Senior member of the Senate of this State, Theodore F. Tong Member of the House of Representatives, and Caleb Cox Justice of the peace and many other credible persons, to all of whom reference may be had, his age in relation to my credit for veracity. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test S/ : W. M. Newberry, Clerk

S/ W. Boren

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]